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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert S. McNamara
The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT : Foreign Missile and Space Activities

During the past year we have had several discussions regarding the importance of improving our capability to collect, assemble, and analyze intelligence data on Soviet missile and space activities.

As one step toward improving the present situation, I have created within the CIA a Foreign Missile and Space Analysis Center, which I believe is an appropriate agency activity in view of the obligation created by statute to correlate, evaluate and disseminate intelligence relating to national security.

The Foreign Missile and Space Analysis Center is responsible for the all-source collation and analysis of all data on Soviet missile and space firings. The analytical group, serving as the focal point for this effort, will utilize the best of our national capabilities, both private and governmental, in accomplishing the sophisticated technical analysis required to exploit on a timely basis the extensive collection activities now in being.

The results of all analysis conducted by the Center will be made available to you and to members of the Intelligence Community promptly.

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The new Center will be particularly helpful to the Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee much in the same way as the analytical capabilities support JAEIC.

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There remains the question of the most effective use of the collection resources in this field. Dr. Fubini has furnished me with a list of the relevant DoD assets to which must be added those existent within CIA and elsewhere in developing a comprehensive inventory of all such collection activities.

It is my belief that while the Analysis Center would not in itself be initially equipped to task the collection resources, nevertheless the existence of the Center will undoubtedly present us with an opportunity for working out with you the best possible plan for such tasking and hence the most efficient utilization of collection resources.

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